

(4) States the time and place of a public meeting or the deadline for written submission in which the manufacturer and interested persons may present information, views, and arguments respecting the decision.

(d) A transcript of the public meeting is kept and exhibits may be offered. There is no cross-examination of witnesses.

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§ 554.11 Final decisions.

(a) The Administrator bases his final decision on the completed investigative file and on information, views, and arguments submitted at the public meeting.

(b) If the Administrator decides that a failure to comply or a safety-related defect exists, he orders the manufacturer to furnish the notification specified in 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30119 and to remedy the defect or failure to comply.

(c) If the Administrator closes an investigation following an initial determination, without making a final determination that a failure to comply or a safety-related defect exists, he or she will so notify the manufacturer and publish a notice of that closing in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(d) A statement of the Administrator's final decision and the reasons for it appears in each completed public file.

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PART 555—TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

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§ 555.1 Scope.

This part establishes requirements for the temporary exemption, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), of certain motor vehicles from compliance with one or more Federal motor vehicle safety standards in accordance with section 123 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. 1410.

§ 555.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to provide a means by which manufacturers of motor vehicles may obtain temporary exemptions from Federal motor vehicle safety standards on the basis of substantial economic hardship, facilitation of the development of new motor vehicle safety or low-emission engine features, or existence of an equivalent overall level of motor vehicle safety.

§ 555.3 Application.

This part applies to manufacturers of motor vehicles.

§ 555.4 Definitions.

Administrator means the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator or his delegate.

United States means the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Canal Zone, and American Samoa.

§ 555.5 Petition for exemption.

(a) A manufacturer of motor vehicles may petition the NHTSA for a temporary exemption from any Federal motor vehicle safety standard or for a renewal of any exemption on the bases of substantial economic hardship, facilitation of the development of new motor vehicle safety or low-emission engine features, or the existence of an equivalent overall level of motor vehicle safety.

(b) Each petition filed under this part for an exemption or its renewal must—

(1) Be written in the English language;

(2) Be submitted in three copies to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, DC 20590;